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KIBBY GIVES GRAPHIC STORY OF EARTHQUAKE AT EL CENTRO

The Arizona Republican says:

The most graphic and detailed account of the Imperial valley earthquake which has yet been made public is contained in a letter received yesterday by Judge Joseph H. Kibbey from his son, Walter B. Kibbey, who is engaged in the practice of law in El Centro. Under date of June 23, he writes of the earthquake which demolished buildings in the Imperial valley:

"The damage can hardly be estimated even now. There is not a business building in town which escaped injury, and, in my opinion, all but possibly two or three will have to be entirely rebuilt. A few minutes after 8 o'clock we felt a slight shock. I remarked that I would like to see and experience one severe shock, provided no damage would result. The next instant, the whole house seemed to tilt on end, recover and tilt the other way, the chandeliers traveling first east and then west, and while in motion the lights went out."

After describing the escape of himself and neighbors from the building, he continues:

"The earth was still rocking. The sky was almost instantly filled with flames and the glare from the large Delta Mercantile wholesale house, which caught fire and was destroyed at a \$90,000 loss. We could hear the people screaming and the crash of the falling buildings. One of the owners of that store lived just across the street, and his son, Mrs. L., Mr. Bliss and I went in an auto to the fire and then through town. One building, a large garage, was completely destroyed and all buildings were slightly injured. People were running up and down, excited and doing peculiar things. We returned and several small shocks followed, when another violent one came. This increased the screaming, and the crashing of falling walls was awful."

"A short time later another very severe shock came, adding to the terror and damage. We counted eighteen shocks in a space of a little over an hour, and they continued in lesser degrees all night. Every one slept out of doors away from the buildings. Only a few residences were injured, mostly being frame, but all suffered damage to the contents."

"We lost the cut-glass bowl Aunt May left, the large vase I bought, and

about half the dishes. We are among the slightest losers. The tile house you remember, next door to us, is a complete wreck. The Barbara Worth hotel stood the shock well, though the interior is very badly damaged. The whole west wall of the Security bank building went. Two walls of the Masonic temple are gone. Baldrige's drug store is practically a complete wreck. The Princess hotel and the Main apartments are very seriously damaged. The I. V. I. bakery is all gone and the Globe Milling company is a wreck. The ice plant, gas plant and all large commercial buildings will have to be rebuilt. The building in which our office was located, is the least damaged of any. It only has a large crack over the bank door. Our bookcases were torn from the wall and the books thrown all over. We have not yet gone in to examine carefully."

"Offices in the Security building have no west wall at all. The title company is not badly injured, but the building was torn loose from the vault. The County Club's wall is torn loose and about to fall. They have erected tents in the yards. It would take too long to detail the damage. There was no loss of life or serious injury here so far as we know. Escapes were miraculous in many instances."

"It is probable that there will be recurrence. I certainly do not want to experience another. I never was more frightened in my life and the fear was of a vague nature. I didn't know what was coming next. It was almost impossible to collect one's thoughts, and to reason that there was practically no danger if one stayed away from the brick buildings. Warning was given by a terrific rumbling, and this undoubtedly accounts for the few injuries, only twelve reported."

"Callexico experienced about the same situation as this city, but in Mexico three were killed, and several shot for looting. There was absolutely no looting here. Everything is orderly and the people after the first fright was over, have exhibited a fortitude and character which is certainly creditable. Every one is planning to rebuild."

"It will not be many days before the town is rebuilt along better lines. Had the buildings been properly constructed in at least most instances, practically no damage would have resulted."

"The theatres were full, and were

DESSIE BLAIR, OF SOMERTON, WON THIRD PRIZE AS COTTON GROWER

Horace Miller, a member of the Tempe Boys Cotton Club, has won the 1914 State Cotton championship and will receive a \$100 agricultural scholarship to the University of Arizona for his achievement. He was closely pushed by Marshall Austin of Chandler, who won second place with a total score of 72.8 points against Miller's score of 73.7 points. Austin will receive a beautiful silver medal specially designed for Boys' and Girls' Clubs winners.

Third place was won by Dessie Blair, a member of the Somerton Cotton Club, who made a close contest for second honors.

Following is a comparative report of the work:

Horace Miller, Tempe, aged 15; total score 73.7 per cent; variety, Egyptian; per cent lint, 29.1; yield, 491.5 pounds; gross returns, \$74.93; cost of produc-

tion, \$42.14; net profit, \$32.79.

Marshall Austin Chandler, aged 15; total score, 73.7 per cent; variety, the Egyptian; per cent lint, 29.1; yield, 425.7 pounds; gross returns, \$63.86; cost of production, \$31.13; net profit, \$32.73.

Dessie Blair, aged 11, of Somerton; total score, 72.5 per cent; variety, the short staple; per cent lint 32.8; yield, 590 pounds gross returns, \$53.95; cost of production, \$23.01; net profit, \$30.94.

The excellent results and the closeness of the contest can be attributed largely to the splendid leadership of the leaders in charge of the different clubs. The following are the leaders of their respective clubs:

J. B. Griffing, agricultural director, Tempe Normal, Tempe Cotton Club.
Ella Page Seward, Chandler Cotton Club.

Mrs. W. S. Blair, Somerton Cotton Club.

A complete report of both the corn and cotton contests will be issued later showing the method of rating the winners and establishing their standing.

Several cotton clubs have been organized for this season and another close contest is expected.

emptied in an orderly manner. The men taking the women and children in charge. Of course there were those who were hysterical, and all were excited, but great damage would have been suffered had there not been a sufficient number of cool heads to control. I now realize more than ever, how utterly powerless and helpless we are.

"Business, of course, is all closed, only one fruit stand and a butcher and grocery operating."

JACK DUNNE MAY RESIGN AND LEAVE

City Councilman Jack Dunne and family returned Saturday from San Francisco and Los Angeles, where they were gone for a week. Mr. Dunne expects to move to Los Angeles very shortly if his business affairs here can be arranged. This will necessitate his resignation from the council.

FORMER YUMAITE LOSES HOME BY FIRE

William C. Peterson, master mechanic of the S. P. company at Tucson, formerly city councilman here, lost his home by fire early Sunday morning at Tucson. The fire had gained much headway, and the smoke caused the children of W. W. McAllister, who have whooping cough nearby, to cough violently, and this constituted a fire alarm and aroused the people but too late to stay the flames. The many Yuma friends of Mr. Peterson deeply sympathize with him in his loss.

Flagstaff is sending \$100,000 a year to the mail order houses, according to the Sun. If Flagstaff merchants would expend about half that sum per year in advertising, there would be less mail order business going from that town and their gross sales would amount to about \$500,000 more per annum.